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SUBJECT: WORLD TRADE CENTER ASSOCIATION (WTCA)

1. THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF WORLD TRADE CENTER ASSOCIATION MET IN ABIDJAN JUNE 26 THROUGH 28, IN PAREPARATION FOR THE ASSOCIATION'S GENERAL MEETING IN KINSHASA JUNE 30. THE PRESIDENT OF THE ASSOCIATION, GUY F. TOZZOLI OF NEW YORK CITY, ALONG WITH OTHER BOARD MEMBERS, MET WITH PRESIDENT HOUPHOUET-BOIGNY. MR. TOZZOLI TOLD THE AMBASSADOR THAT THE PRESIDENT HAD EXPRESSED A KEEN INTEREST IN SETTING UP A WORLD TRADE CENTER IN ABIDJAN.

2. DURING OPENING SESSION, MINISTER OF COMMERCE, SERI GNOLEBA, EXPRESSED HOPE THAT WTCA WOULD PROVIDE FUNDS TO ASSIST LDC'S IN ESTABLISHING TRADE CENTERS, THEREBY PROMOTING DIVERSIFICATION OF THEIR EXPORT MARKETS. UPON HIS DEPARTURE, MR. TOZZOLI STATED THAT THE WTCA WOULD ORGANIZE, DURING ITS MEETING IN KINSHASA, A ROUNDTABLE TO EXAMINE THE QUESTION OF FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE IN ESTABLISHING TRADE CENTERS THROUGH THE WORLD.

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